

Safety First

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Safety Tips for Home Healthcare Workers

Home Healthcare workers face an array of safety risks -- including overexertion, falls, car accidents and hostile pets.

- **Watch Your Step:** Don't remove your shoes in a client's home, because you may slip, stub your toe or step on a nail, tack or piece of glass, To be culturally sensitive to clients who prefer their guests go shoeless, wear disposable surgical shoe covers, or leave a clean pair of shoes at the house to wear only there. be mindful of household hazards like slippery bathroom floors or open cupboards, which can also cause injury when you're engrossed in assisting patients.”

If you have any safety questions or concerns:

- Contact your Coordinator immediately with any questions or concerns:

New Castle Office: **724-652-5144**

Donora Office: **724-856-4978**

Penn Hills Office: **724-856-4211**

Greensburg Office: **724-936-3900**

You can reach out to the safety committee directly at:
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Chair of the safety committee is Patrick McGuire
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The Safety Committee's Health and Safety Tips



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Protect Yourself

Follow basic personal-safety protocols, such as:

- Confirm with clients by phone before you visit.
- Make sure you have detailed directions to a new client's home.
- Keep your car in good working order and the gas tank full.
- Pull onto the shoulder or into a parking lot rather than trying to simultaneously drive, talk on the phone and read directions.
- Keep your car windows closed and your doors locked.
- Lock your bag in the trunk.

Don't Touch the Animals

Even the friendliest pets can turn on you. The policy at Don Service's is to never touch an animal. Besides the potential threat, animals can distract you and interfere with your work.

When you call to confirm your appointment with a client, ask that animals be kept away during your visit. That's a request all caregivers should consistently make, "You don't want a patient to say, 'The nurse liked my dog. Why don't you?'"

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